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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, January 02, 2017

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms over much of LA; damaging winds, large hail and isolated tornadoes possible.

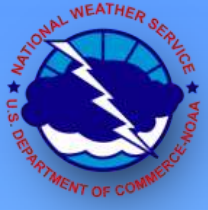
Slight risk of severe storms extends back into E TX and S AR. Flash flooding risk continues for S LA.

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Key Points

Today

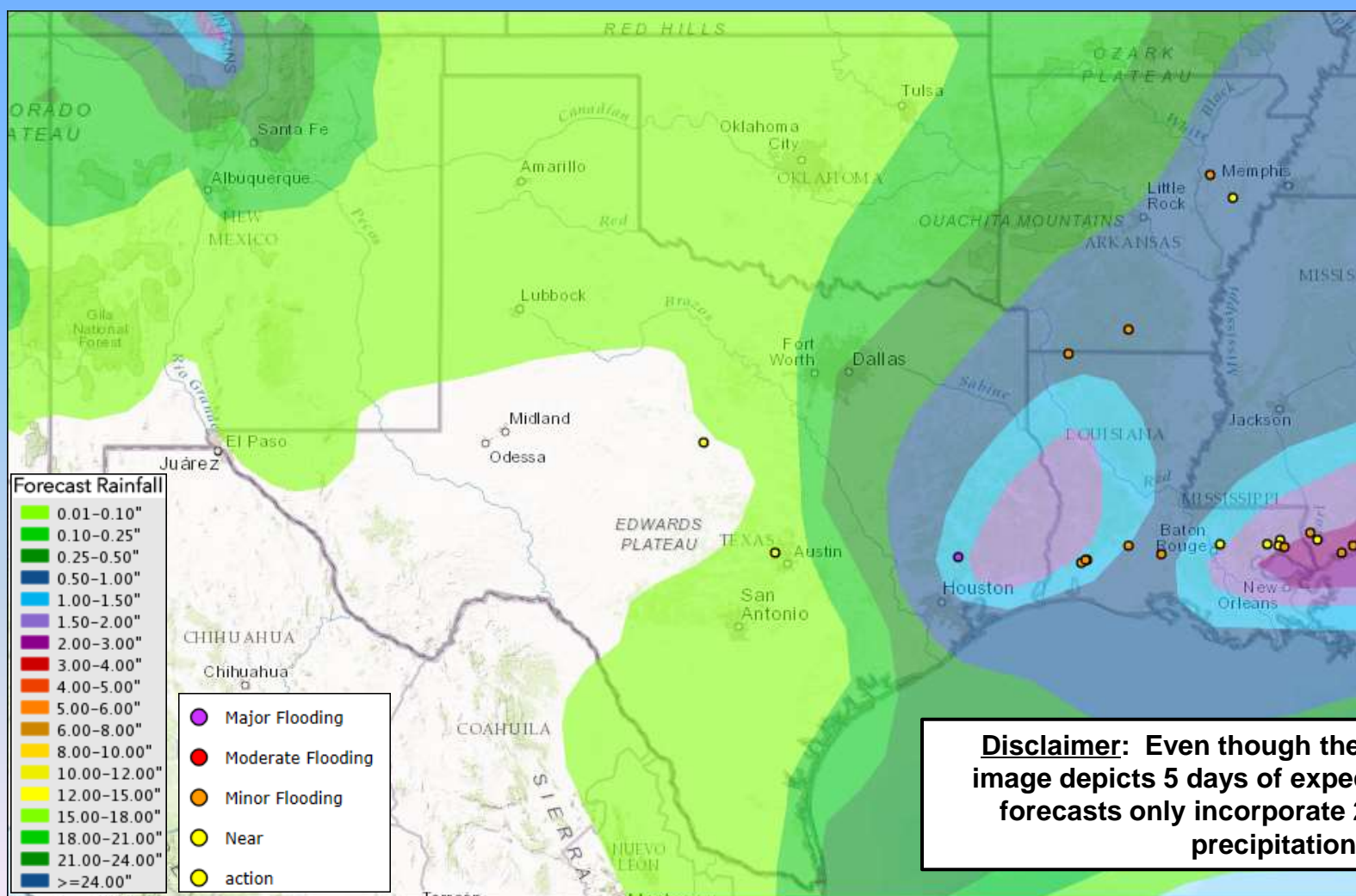
- **Enhanced risk of severe storms over much of LA; damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes possible**
 - Slight risk of severe storms extends back into the rest of LA, E TX & S AR
- Heavy rain/potential flash flooding continues over S LA through this evening

Tuesday - Friday

- Much colder air moves into the Region on Tuesday, otherwise no significant weather impacts expected
- Snow chances return to N NM on Wednesday/Thursday
- Some very light wintry precipitation may be possible Thursday/Friday over NM, OK, AR and maybe into N TX/N LA as well; too early to determine exact locations but at this time it looks like there will be little to no accumulations

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Minor river flooding ongoing over AR and S LA; no significant impacts. Additional minor rises on rivers in SE LA possible with rainfall today.



Disclaimer: Even though the forecast rainfall image depicts 5 days of expected rainfall, river forecasts only incorporate 2 days worth of precipitation.

For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 2, 2017 - Jan 6, 2017

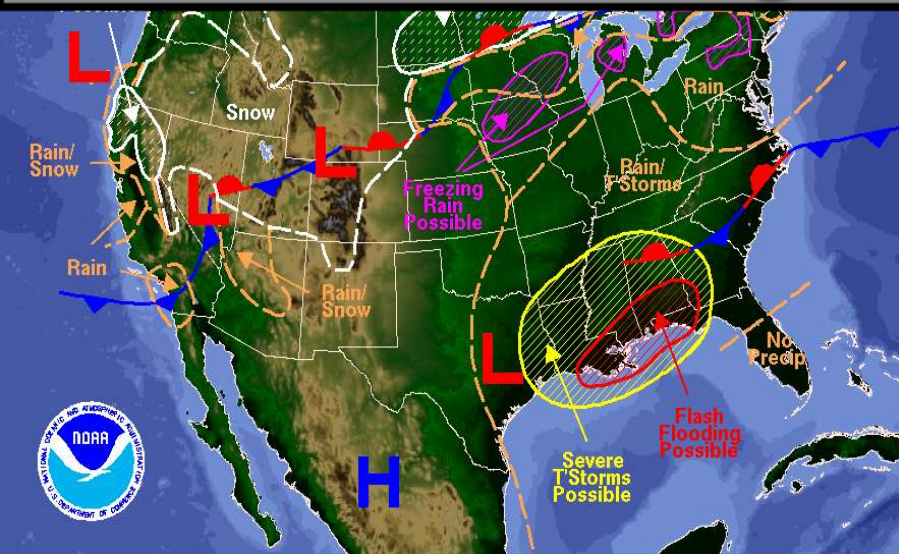
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Weather	Much of LA E TX, S AR, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S LA				
Winter Weather				NM, OK, AR, N TX, N LA	NM, OK, AR, N TX, N LA
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	S LA				

- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



Today's Weather

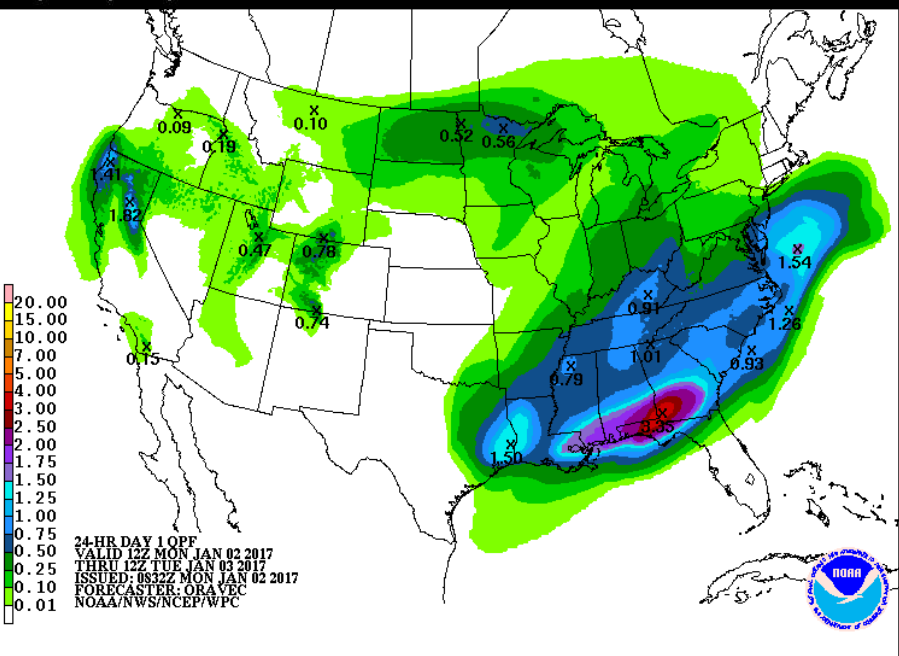


Weather Forecast for Mon, Jan 02, 2017, issued 4:41 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

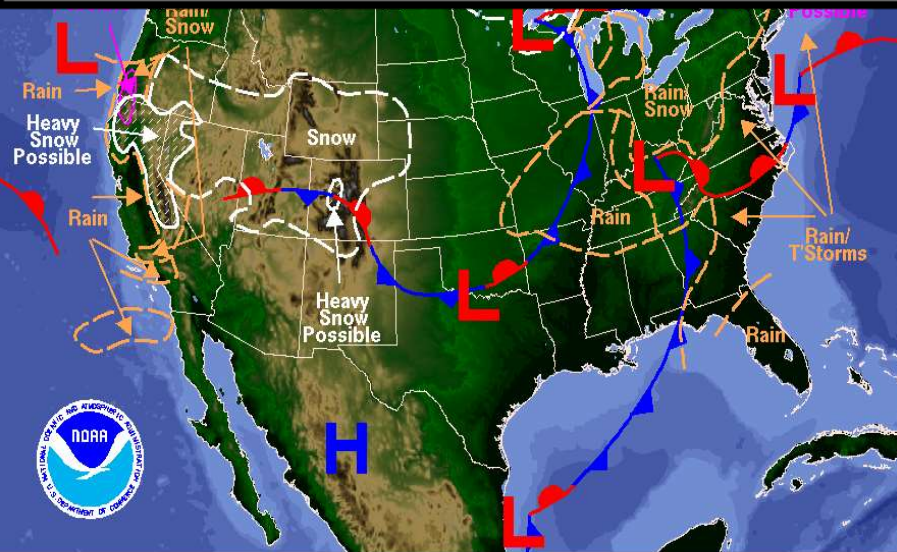
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Slight risk of severe storms extends back into E TX and S AR.

Heavy rainfall/potential flash flooding remains possible over S LA.

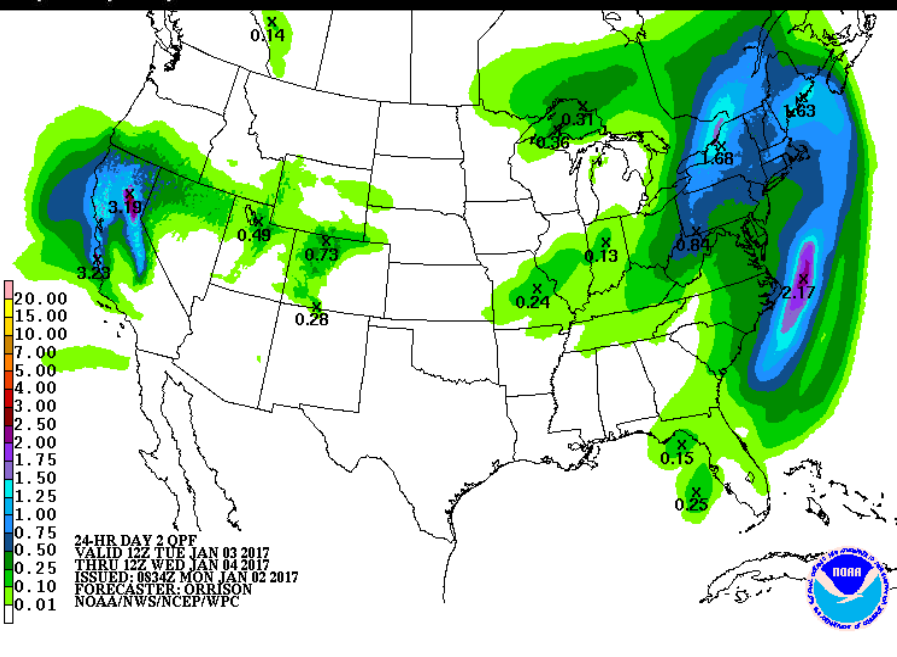


Tomorrow's Weather

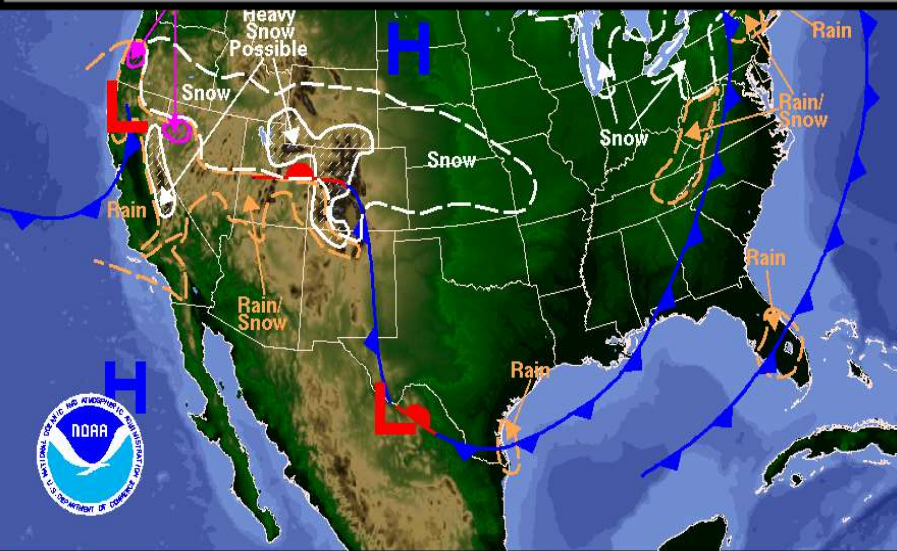


Weather Forecast for Tue, Jan 03, 2017, issued 5:05 AM EST Mon, Jan 02, 2017
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Much colder air moves into the Region,
otherwise no significant impacts expected.

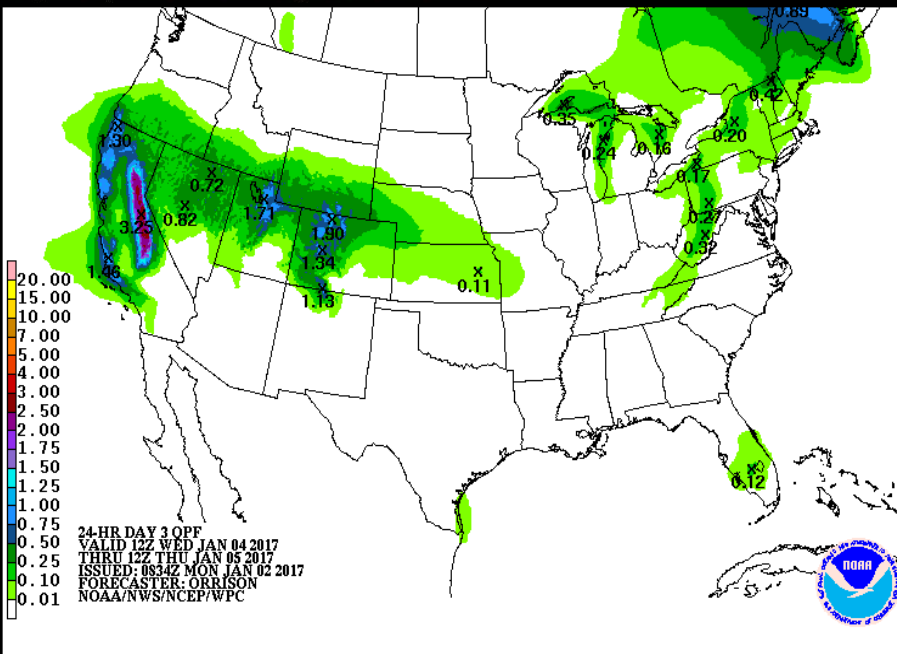


Wednesday's Weather



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jan 04, 2017, issued 4:03 AM EST Mon, Jan 02, 2017
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by Tate based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

No significant impacts expected.









Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



There could possibly be some very light wintry precipitation over NM, OK, AR and possibly into N TX/N LA on Thursday into Friday; too early to determine exact locations, but little to no accumulations are generally expected.

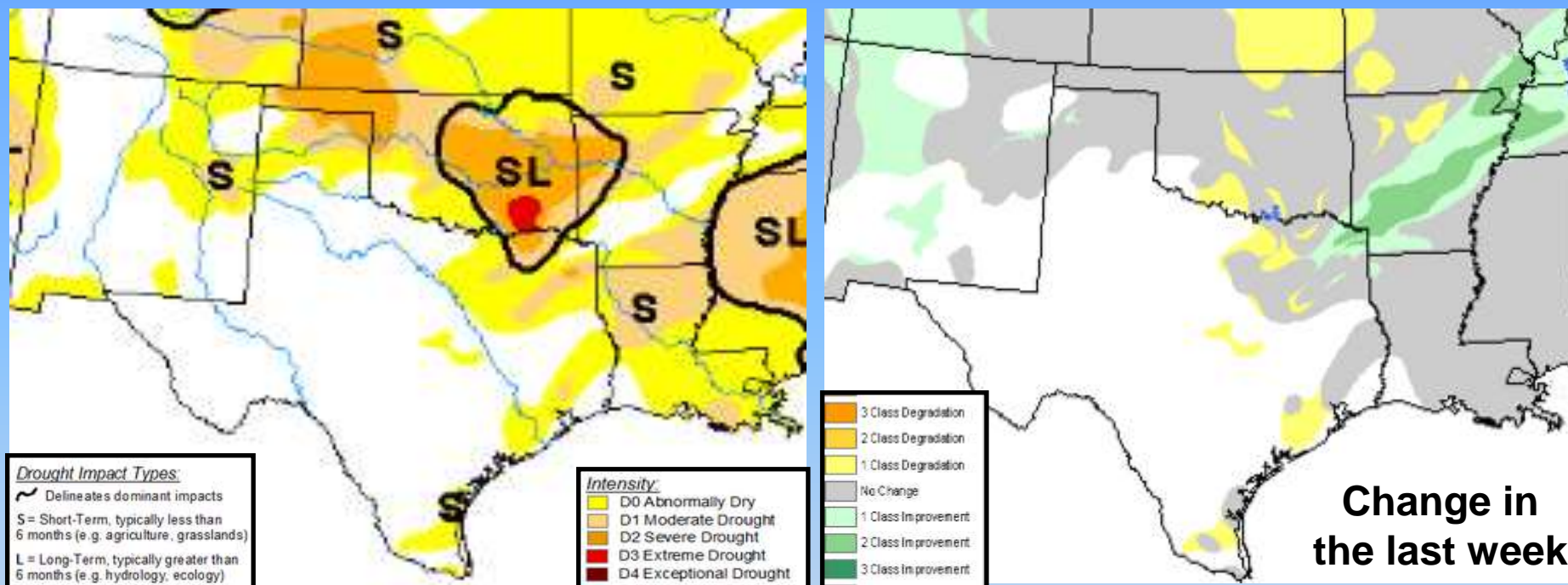
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**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*



Drought Monitor Released December 29, 2016

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday December 27, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	3.14%	3.14%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

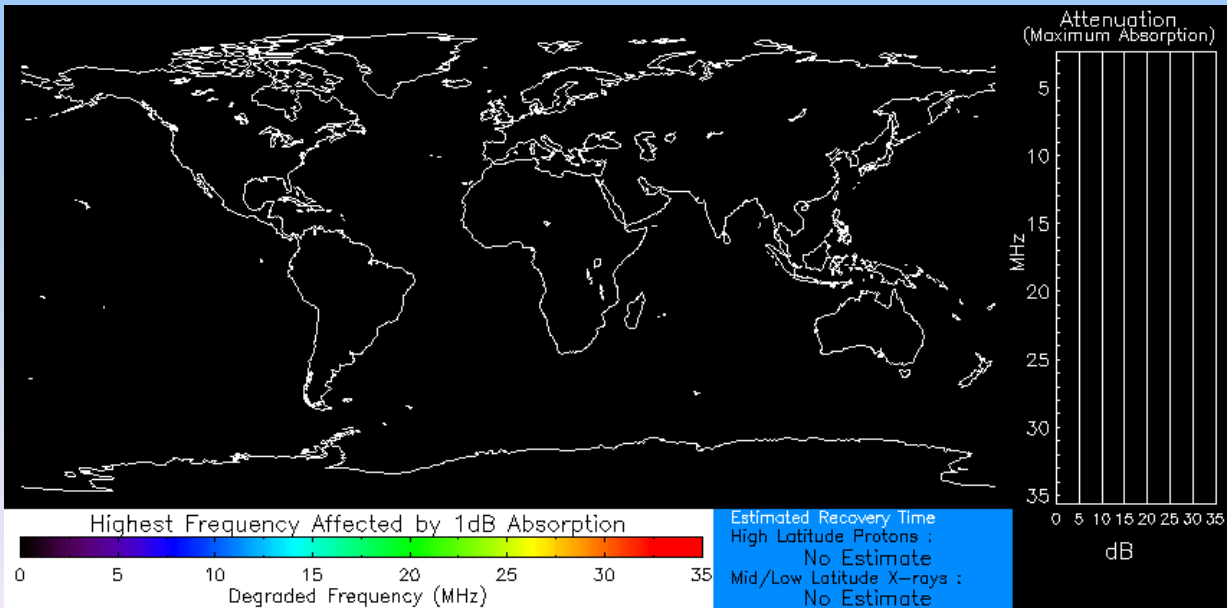
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms